

June 29, 2025 FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday:

Rosary: 8:00 am Mass: 8:30 am

Wednesday:

6:00 pm in Chapel

Friday:

Rosary: 6:00 am Mass: 6:30 am

Saturday:

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday:

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass 6:00pm

Holy Days:

8:30am, 12:00pm, 6:00 pm

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Complete and submit a registration form.

Paper forms can be found in the office or in the back of the church.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday:

5:30 pm in Parish Office

Saturday:

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm or by appointment

ADORATION:

Wednesday:

9:00 am -5:00 pm

Friday:

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

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Contact the office at 228-863-1610 at 4:15pm - 5:15pm

least six months in advance of the

planned wedding date.

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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

All Day Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles - Solemnity

All Day Women's Cursillo (Day 4/4)

4:15pm - 5:15pm Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

4:15pm - 5:15pm Youth Band Practice in the Choir Rehearsal Room

MONDAY, JUNE 30

9:30am - 12:30pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Offering Help in the REC SVdP Office

TUESDAY, JULY 1

5:00pm - 8:00pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting in the REC SRE Classrooms

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration in the Chapel

9:15am - 11:15am Lectio Divina in the REC Library

9:30am – 12:00pm SVdP Monthly Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room 5:00pm – 8:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting in the REC SRE Classrooms

5:30pm – 6:00pm Reconciliation in Parish Office

6:00pm - 7:00pm Mass in Chapel

6:30pm - 8:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting in the Community Center

Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle

THURSDAY, JULY 3

All Day

5:45pm – 7:45pm Music Ministry Practice in the Choir Rehearsal Room

Independence Day!

6:15pm – 7:15pm Knights of Columbus Meeting-4th Degree in the KC Room

FRIDAY, JULY 4

All Day

All Day Parish Offices Closed

6:30am - 7:00am Mass

7:00am - 5:00pm No Adoration in the Chapel

9:00am - 10:00am Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 5

3:15pm - 3:45pm Reconciliation in the Church Confessional

4:00pm - 5:00pm Food Pantry Sunday

SUNDAY, JULY 6

All Day Food Pantry Sunday

4:15pm - 5:15pm Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

4:15pm - 5:15pm Youth Band Practice in the Choir Rehearsal Room

Volunteer 🖍 Spotlight

On June 18, 2025, our Parish family, along with many others, gathered in joyous celebration for a night filled with praise, worship, and adoration! The evening culminated in a procession to the beach for the much-anticipated **Blessing of the Sea**. Following this sacred time, we had benediction at the fountain, before coming together for food and fellowship in our community center.

This incredible night was made possible by the efforts of countless volunteers, each contributing their unique talents and dedication. While it would be impossible to name everyone who played a role, we want to extend our deep gratitude to those who made it happen. A special thank you goes to our setup crew, the decorating team, the food donation and serving crews, and the cleanup crew.

We are grateful to Dave Gauthier for organizing the night; to our Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, Ben DiLorenzo, Pat Hamel, and Norman McDonald, Jr., and to our Altar Servers under the guidance of Steve Hymel. A big shout-out to Steve Meyer, Sean and Tobin Loftus, and Eli Hymel for carrying the canopy, and to the Diocese of Biloxi Seminarians—Jacob Lott, Ricky Molsbee, Adam Tran, and Abe Goulet—for serving as our torch-bearers. Our Choir, led by the talented Lauren Hymel, filled the air with beautiful melodies, while Readers Robert Bass, Patti Salvador, and Steven Mink brought the scriptures to life.

A heartfelt thank you to our First Communion Class for leading the way, and to Deacon Buddy, Deacon Jerry, Father Satish, and Father Braxton for their spiritual guidance throughout the evening.

To everyone who contributed, whether in big ways or small, and to all who participated, thank you for making this night truly unforgettable! It was a beautiful evening as our community united in prayer, faith, and gratitude, seeking God's blessings over the waters that nourish and sustain us.

Prayer is Powerful! Please Pray with Us.

Nancy Alfonso, Carolyn Anderson, Cinnamon Barry, Leonard Carrubba, Kevin Chevalier, Jason Cuevas, Timmy Cuevas, Trace Favre, Wendy Figer, Barb Halupka, Jarvis Lankford, Frances Carrubba LeBlanc, Philip LeBlanc, Dustin Liles, Danny Lizana, Kenneth Ray McDonald, Jay Walmark, Phyllis Seal, Ann Sizemore, Danette Wesselmann and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

If you know of someone who is homebound, in a hospital or care facility and would like a visit from Father Satish, Father Braxton, Deacon Buddy or Deacon Jerry, and/or their name on the bulletin prayer request list, please call the Parish Office at 228-863-1610 or email bulletin@saintthomaslb.org or secretary@saintthomaslb.org with the person's name, address, phone number, name of hospital or care facility and room number. Names will appear in the Bulletin for 4 weeks unless an extension is requested. Please keep us posted.

Priest Mass Assignments and Mass Intentions

SUBJECT TO CHANGE Sun 6/29 7:30 AM Fr Satish + Bettie Augustine Cox DeMetz People of St Thomas and Long Beach 9:00 AM Fr Satish 11:30 AM Fr Braxton + Jim Beck 5:30 PM Fr Braxton Trace Favre Mon 6/30 8:30 AM Fr Braxton Charlene Ladner +Alice and +Paul Carrubba Paula and Mike Spears Alice and +Mike Necaise Earl Levens Tue 7/01 8:30 AM Fr Satish + Yvonne Depreo Ladner (First Anniversary) Wed 7/02 8:30 AM Fr Braxton Trace Favre + Jimmy Haik 6:00 PM Fr Satish 8:30 AM Fr Braxton Trace Favre Thu 7/03 6:30 AM Fr Braxton + Florence and + Matthew Ajayi 7/04 Fri

9:00 AM Fr Braxton

Sat 7/05 4:00 PM Fr Braxton Trace Favre Sun 7/06 7:30 AM Fr Braxton + Clay Bishop

9:00 AM Fr Braxton A People of St Thomas and Long Beach

11:30 AM Fr Braxton + Jim Beck

5:30 PM Fr Braxton Trace Favre

■Birthday +Deceased •Healing •School Mass —Special Intention 5 Wedding Anniversary

Income for 6/21/25-6/22/25

Regular		\$7,757.00
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Building Restoration		\$6,805.00
Capital Campaign		\$6,286.00
Special Collections		\$125.00
Insurance and Utilities		\$15.00
Miscellaneous Deposit		\$100.00
Pickle jar		<u>\$249.00</u>
TOTAL	THANK YOU	\$24,938.00

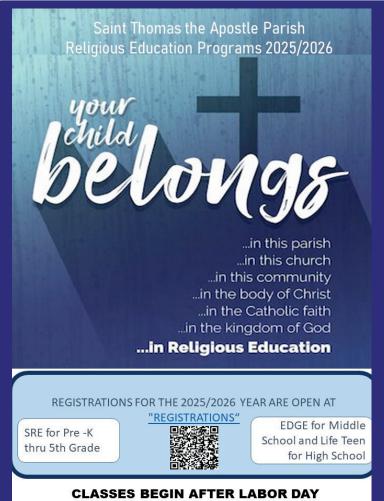
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Pray For Our Clergy

Sun 6/29	For Our Seminarians
Mon 6/30	Father Satish Adhav
	Father Braxton Necaise
Tue 7/01	Father Godswill Agbagwa
	Father Jude Thaddeus Awe
Wed 7/02	Father Satish Adhav
	Father Vincent O. Ajayi
Thu 7/03	Father Godfrey Andoh
	Father Anthony Arguelles (Retired)
Fri 7/04	Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III
	(Healing)
Sat 7/05	For an Increase in Vocations

Sun 7/06 Pope Leo XIV





Calling All Searchers



There are many reasons for someone to yearn for a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. A person you know may be searching for meaning in his or her life or simply searching for God. There are those on the outside who are searching for Belonging, or for Truth, or for a path to Family Unity.

Someone you know is searching. Christ is ready to welcome them into His loving embrace. The only thing lacking is an invitation from you. Someone you know is searching. Take him or her by the hand to Come and See, Saturday, August 9th, at 8:30 am in the Religious Education Center.

Help someone you know connect with Christ and His Church.

OCIA Weekly meetings start Monday evening, August 18^{th} . For more information, contact Dave Gauthier at (228) 596-8835 or rcia@saintthomaslb.org.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

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Adult Faith Formation Team

Are you ready to place your time and talents to use, accompanying people who want to become members of our Church? Helping them to better know Christ by better knowing His Church? To be part of our Faith Formation Team, contact Dave Gauthier at 228-596-8835 or rcia@saintthomaslb.org.



There are currently spam emails circulating, which appear to be from Fr. Satish. Please make sure to check the "from" email address. If the address is not the one contained on our website or in the bulletin, it is not from Fr. Satish. This is an attempt to steal your personal information. If you receive such an email, you should delete it from your system. Please do NOT click links, download any attachments or reply to the email.

Thank you, Patti Salvador,
for the beautiful flowers on the Altar
from June 28th through July 6th, 2025
to honor and commemorate
the milestone birthdays of your children:
Charles Wise's 55th birthday on July 1st and
Sheryl Wise Graham's 50th birthday on July 4th!
Happy Birthday, Charles and Sheryl!



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To Our St. Thomas Parish Family,

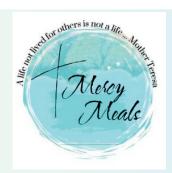
On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the love, support, and prayers you extended to us during the passing of my husband Jody.

The beautiful funeral service, the comforting presence of so many parishioners, and the generous help with meals, serving, flowers, and logistics meant more to us than words can fully express. We were deeply touched by the kindness shown by our church community during this difficult time.

Your faith and compassion brought us great comfort and reminded us that we are not alone in our grief. Thank you for walking alongside us and for honoring Jody's life with such dignity and grace.

With love and gratitude, Mandy Reinike and Family







https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AAFA92EA1FBC70-57384972-mercy

St. Thomas Knights of Columbus has embarked on an incredible initiative called Mercy Meals. We are thrilled to provide over 100 grab-and-go meals every week for the homeless to take with them during weekends when the Mercy Cross Center in Biloxi is closed. These bags will be filled with an array of nourishing foods, including PB crackers, chips, pop-top can items like fruits, veggies, and meats, as well as granola bars, pop tarts, ramen, and little Debbie snack cakes. This is a remarkable undertaking for our Parish, and we invite you to join us in making a difference. Please contribute to our weekly donations of food or funds. Visit our page at the link and/or QR Code above to contribute. Let us pray for the success of this endeavor and for the generosity of our community.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

We completed have series a Testament Books dealing with the return of the Israelites from Babylonian captivity. No class on July 3rd, the Feast of St Thomas. We will return on July 10th and start a study into the Gospel of John. Thursday evenings at 6:00pm in the Religious Education Center.



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PITAL CAMPAIGN

As we face the pressing challenges associated with our aging chiller, which is currently costing our Parish an astonishing \$10,000 each month to maintain our air conditioning, we must rally together to address not only this critical issue but also the broader needs of our community.

If you have not yet committed to our Capital Campaign, we urge you to consider doing so. Our needs are significant, and your support is essential to ensure the continued vitality of our Parish.

Pledge cards are conveniently located in the pews and book racks. Together, we can make a meaningful impact. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.



FEATURED ADVERTISER!



June 29, Sunday - Feast of Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul

First Reading: Acts 12: 1-11 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Second Reading: Second Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 Alleluia: Matthew 16: 18

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19

June 30, Monday

First Reading: Genesis 18: 16-33 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 103: 1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 Alleluia: Psalms 95: 8

Gospel: Matthew 8: 18-22

July 1, Tuesday

First Reading: Genesis 19: 15-29 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 26: 2-3, 9-10, 11-12 Alleluia: Psalms 130: 5 Gospel: Matthew 8: 23-27

July 2, Wednesday

First Reading: Genesis 21: 5, 8-20a Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 34: 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Alleluia: James 1: 18 Gospel: Matthew 8: 28-34 **DAILY READINGS**

July 3, Thursday - Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle

First Reading: Ephesians 2: 19-22 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 117: 1bc, 2 Alleluia: John 20: 29 Gospel: John 20: 24-29

July 4, Friday

First Reading: Genesis 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 106: 1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Alleluia: Matthew 11: 28 Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13

July 5, Saturday

First Reading: Genesis 27: 1-5, 15-29 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 135: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Alleluia: John 10: 27 Gospel: Matthew 9: 14-17

July 6, Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 66: 10-14c Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20 Second Reading: Galatians 6: 14-18 Alleluia: Colossians 3: 15a, 16a Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

https://www.catholicgallery.org/mass-reading/daily-mass-readings-2025/

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Mark places this incident at Caesarea Philippi. Luke, because of the importance he wishes to give to prayer in his Gospel, places it in the context of Jesus praying. But Matthew keeps it at Caesarea Philippi. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a "field report" by asking what people are saying about him. He refers to himself as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that "Son of Man" is best understood to mean "human being."

As Jesus turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe, Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ. "Christ" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for "messiah," which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the "messiah" was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation.

Because Jesus has referred to himself a number of times in Matthew by Christological titles this moment is not the revelation of who Jesus is as in Mark. Instead it marks an important moment in the development of the Church. Jesus uses this occasion to bless Peter, who represents all the disciples but also has a unique role to play in the founding of the new community. Peter is blessed not because of a personal insight but because God revealed to him who Jesus is. Peter is the rock on which Jesus will build the Church.

FAMILY CONNECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus refers to Peter as "Rock" and says that the Church will be built upon him. We refer to someone as a "rock" when they are very reliable. Talk as a family about who has been and is a rock in your extended family.

The Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. It is faith that makes Peter the Rock upon which the Church is built. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation.

Talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm or an <u>Act of Faith</u>.

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